



## Message from the Director

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We here at Creative hope that the Holidays were wonderful for you and your family and that 2020 enters with peace and joy.

As you read this newsletter some of the children have returned to Creative after the long holiday break and are very happily readjusting! It is rewarding to see the children skip or run with exuberance into school after being

away for so long (and we all know 2 weeks is an eternity to young children!)

I surely hope that school will always bring such joy! January and February will be busy months here at Creative. The children will be participating in winter activities, usually indoors, as the cold winter months are upon us!

Registration for the 2020-21 school year is happening and we will be preparing for VIP Day, held on February 16 this year, as well.

Look for Progress Reports to come to you by email the week of January 13. Please remember to sign and return the two forms which will come home in a manila envelope through your child's cubby. Remember to check the box to request a phone or conference meeting with your child's teacher. January 21 has been set aside for conferences, but we are always available to meet with you at a more convenient time!

2019 has been a year of many blessing for our Creative Preschool family. It is our hope that 2020 continues the trend and we all enjoy happy times that create beautiful memories!

## Progress Reports

The week of January 13 you should receive a manila envelope in your child's cubby. In it you will find your child's updated *GOAL SHEET* and *CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF PROGRESS REPORTS* sheet. At that time your child's Progress Reports will come home via email. **Please remember to send back the manila envelope with both forms, the GOAL SHEET and the CONFIRMATION OF PROGRESS REPORTS RECEIPT sheet, signed and dated.** Please indicate on the *CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT sheet*, by checking the box, if you would like a phone or in-person conference. Your child's teacher will contact you to set up a mutually agreeable time to talk or meet.



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

JANUARY	
1/3	Classes Resume Registration for NEW families being accepted
1/6	Registration forms in all 3 year old cubbies
1/13-17	Progress Reports
1/20	MLK/No School
1/21	In Service/Conferences No School
1/24	Priority Registration Ends @ 4PM for current/returning families
1/24	Progress Report confirmation & goal sheets due
FEBRUARY	
2/12	Valentine Party – MW
2/13	Valentine Party – TTH
2/14	Valentine Party – MWF, TThF & FF
2/16	VIP Day
2/17	President's Day/No School

## News from Three's



Happy New Year! We will start the month of January off exploring – through discussion, activities, and art – the cold weather months of winter and the changes we see in nature.

You will receive your child's progress report the week of January 13 by email. Please see the section titled *Progress Reports* on Page 1 for additional information. Although this is the time you may formally indicate your preference for a conference/phone call, please don't hesitate to contact your teacher with questions or concerns at any time—we are always here to confer and help!

We will begin February by preparing for VIP Day, which will take place on February 16. A participation form will come home in January—we ask that you fill out this form and return it as soon as possible so that we can prepare for those attending. An invitation will be coming home, too, with a suggested arrival time. Please see that your child's special guest receives this. More information can be found in the VIP section of this newsletter on Page 5.

We will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 12 for the M-W classes and February 13 for the T-TH classes. Your child may bring Valentines and/or a small treat to pass out to their classmates. Please do not put names on the envelopes or treats. No names help with an easier "mail delivery."

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## News from Friday Friends

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year! Upon our return to school we will explore the changes we see in nature during the season of Winter. The theme of our Art projects will be Winter-related, as well. I will also be observing and working with each child as much as possible during the next few weeks in order to evaluate their progress. We will celebrate Valentine's Day on February 14. Your child may bring Valentines and/or a small treat to pass out to their classmates. Please do not put names on the envelopes or treats. No names help with an easier "mail delivery."

VIP day is February 16. Please look for a participation form to come home by the end of January and return the form as soon as possible afterward! More information can be found in the VIP section of this newsletter on Page 5.



## News from Four's



Happy New Year! We hope 2020 is filled with many blessings for all! We enjoyed our break, but it is so good to see the smiling faces of each of your children as they return!

With winter fully upon us, during the month of January we will be participating in activities which are snow themed. Wild and tame animals will be introduced and explored, as well.

The children will be learning to recognize their last names in print and over the next few months they will be learning to recognize and recite their address – both “house number” and “street name”. Please begin to repeatedly recite your address with your child now. By now all children should be writing their name on their work. Again, practice at home will be helpful. Remember to refer to the letter formation sheet sent home at the beginning of the year so correct habits can be formed.

Progress reports will come home the week of January 13. Please see the section titled *Progress Reports* on Page 1 for additional information.

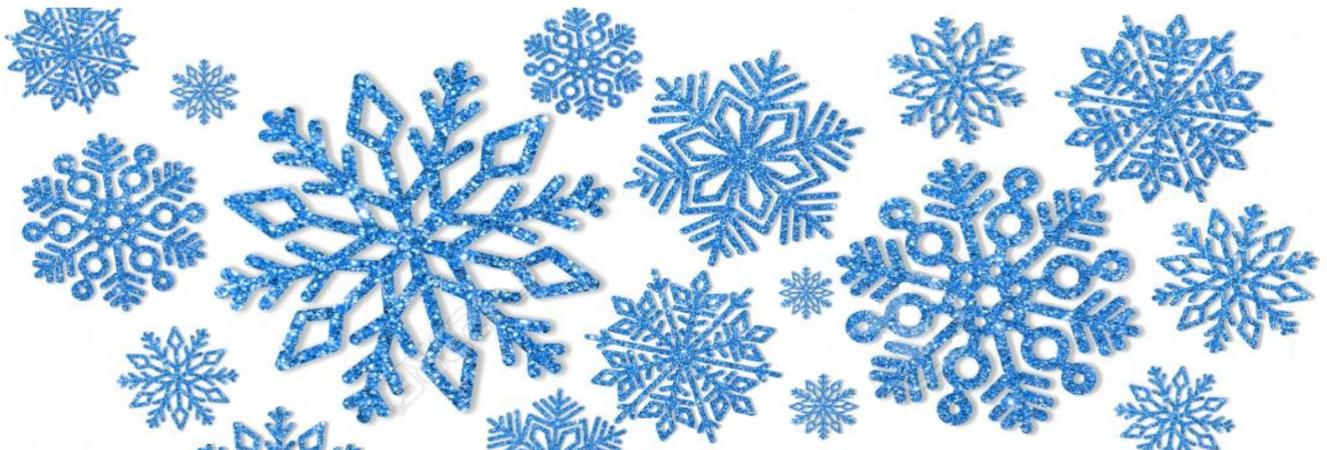
We will begin the month of February preparing for VIP Day, which will take place on February 16. A participation form will come home in January—we ask that you fill out this form and return it as soon as possible so that we can prepare for those attending. An invitation will be coming home, too. Please see that your child's special guest receives this. More information can be found in the VIP section of this newsletter on Page 5.

During the month of February we will be preparing for Valentine's Day, as well. Valentine parties will be on February 13 and 14. The children will pass out Valentine cards/treats to their classmates on these days. Please do not put names on the envelopes or treats. No names help with an easier “mail delivery.”

Toward the end of February, we will begin a unit on health and safety.

### FOUR'S MONTHLY FOCUS

<b>Letters...</b>	E, J, K, O, Q, V, W & X
<b>Numbers...</b>	Review 1-10, Beginning the teens
<b>Vocabulary...</b>	dissolve, sequence, freeze, melt, small, medium, large, texture, address, hibernate, pattern, rhyme



## News from PreK

Happy New Year to each of you! We wish you all many blessings in 2020! We hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas break. It was good to have some time off; but it is also good to be together having fun again!

During the month of January, we will be participating in activities with winter and snowy themes. Snowmen, mittens and hibernating animals are topics we will discuss and create in Art. We will learn a little bit about Martin Luther King Jr. and begin our journey around the world. As we begin our travel to other continents at the end of January, we learn a bit about some countries and their customs and then make Art related to the places we study. By the end of the year we will have visited all seven continents.

Progress reports will come home the week of January 13. Please see the section titled *Progress Reports* on Page 1 for additional information.

We will begin the month of February by preparing for VIP Day, which will take place on Sunday, February 16. More information can be found in the VIP section of this newsletter on Page 5. A sheet concerning VIP day will come home soon, as well. Please return the tear-off at the bottom and return it as soon as possible. Look for an invitation to come home, as well, which should then be delivered to your child's special guest.

Our Valentine Party will be on Friday, Febr. The children will pass out Valentines/treats to their classmates. Please do not put names on the envelopes or treats. No names help with an easier “mail delivery.”

During February the children will work on recognizing and reciting their addresses - both house number and street name. Please practice with your child at home. We will also discuss Ground Hog Day, the Chinese New Year, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln; and we will begin a unit on health, safety and dental health.

## PREK MONTHLY FOCUS

<b>Letters...</b>	E, J, K, O, Q, V, W & X
<b>Numbers...</b>	Beginning the teens
<b>Vocabulary...</b>	dissolve, hibernate, evaporate, address, continents, north, south, east, west and tame animals

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## News from Art

I will not be meeting with your children again until the end of January or first of February for Special Art, but when we get together, we will definitely be doing something special! The artist we will be learning about, Charley Harper, was not only a contemporary graphic artist, but he studied at Cincinnati Art Academy and lived the remainder of his years in Cincinnati. For his love of nature and use of realistic minimalism, Charley's work is widely recognized and loved by many. We will be creating Winter Art, Harper style! Look for these masterpieces to appear in the Art Gallery in February.

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## News from Motor Skills and Music

In Motor Skills we will be exercising our large muscles as we engage in fun activities designed to grow our throwing, catching and kicking skills in January. We will also be balancing, crawling and climbing as we follow directions to complete different obstacle courses.

In music Mrs. Schablien will continue to work and play with the children with steady beat vs rhythm and musical note values. Now that the New Year is upon us she will also begin to introduce the different musical instrument families, beginning with percussion in January. Mr. Goldie will be making his second visit in January and early February for some toe-tapping fun!

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### Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is Tuesday, January 14 at 7:00PM. All are welcome!

#### Interested in Joining the Board?

We have several Board positions we need to fill for the 2020-21 school year. If you would like more information regarding these positions or have any questions, please contact Allison Baker at [a.k\\_baker@yahoo.com](mailto:a.k_baker@yahoo.com).

### Welcome Future Creative Preschoolers!

Congratulations to the Hillebrand Family who welcome their new pink bundle of love into their homes and arms on December 2. Mommy Kelly, Daddy Eric and big sister Molly are sure enjoying their new baby girl, Molly.

### Spring Carnival

Mark your calendar for the Creative Preschool Spring Carnival on Saturday, May 16 2020, and be sure to "like" our Facebook page at [facebook.com/creativepreschoolspringcarnival](https://facebook.com/creativepreschoolspringcarnival)

We are sure Santa was good to your children, so if you are cleaning out to make room for the new, please consider donating your gently used (or new!) toys and stuffed animals. Any donations can be dropped off in Mrs. DePaoli's office. We are beginning to seek donations of food items (hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, chips, drinks, etc.) for the day of the Carnival, as well as donations for our gift baskets. Last year many local business and families generously contributed to the success of our Carnival by contributing gift certificates, gift items, etc. for our raffle baskets! If you or someone you know might be able to contribute, please contact Amy Schneider ([schneideramyn@gmail.com](mailto:schneideramyn@gmail.com)) or Angela Durepo ([aedurepo@gmail.com](mailto:aedurepo@gmail.com)).

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### VIP Day

February 16 is a day set aside for the children to bring a Very Important Person --usually someone who may not

get to participate in their daily school routine to school. This might be Dad, Mom or someone else special. Your child and their guest will share some time at school in the classrooms, make a

themed craft, enjoy a snack together, and get their picture taken. Please mark this day on your calendar. Parent Volunteers are needed to assist with crafts, serve snacks and with picture taking. If you are able to help, please contact Carly Lambert at [Carly.Lambert@lsrlaw.com](mailto:Carly.Lambert@lsrlaw.com). or Amy Schneider @ [schneideramyn@gmail.com](mailto:schneideramyn@gmail.com)



### VIP Day Arrival Times

1:00	TTh TTh	PM AM	Mrs. Ewry Mrs. Banta
1:30	FF MWF	AM AM	Mrs. Ewry Mrs. Goertemoeller
2:00	MW MWF	PM AM	Mrs. Kenney Mrs. McGowan
2:30	MW MWF	AM PM	Mrs. Kenney Mrs. Duebber
3:00	TTH TTHF	AM PM	Mrs. Brothers Mrs. Koshover
3:30	TTH	AM	Mrs. Koshover

## 2020-2021 Registration

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! NEW FAMILY REGISTRATION BEGINS ON JANUARY 3.

Please tell your friends and family and post on your personal Facebook page that Creative is now registering NEW STUDENTS for the 2020-2021 school year!



Creative Preschool registration for FIRST TIME ENROLLING families begins January 3:

- Families may register their child(ren) by making 2 class time choices and by turning in their completed registration forms and the \$100 registration fee.
- Forms will be numbered in the order that they are received AFTER current and returning families have registered and been assigned to a class (see information below)
- NEW students will be assigned to their first or second choice class, if available, in numbered order.
- Confirmation of class placement for new students will begin no later than February 12.
- Registration fees will be refunded only if families do not receive their first or second choice for class day/time and choose to withdraw.

Priority Registration for CURRENT AND RETURNING families for the 2019-2020 school year will also take place in January:

- Beginning January 6 Priority Registration packets will be sent home ONLY to current 3-year olds.
- Others can get one from the office that week.
- Please remember that PreK is intended for children who are older and/or ready for more academic challenge and structure than our Four Year Old classes provide and no child will be accepted into PreK without recommendation and signature of the current year teacher.
- Children who are not yet 4 years of age by September 30 of 2020 and wish to be accepted into the 4s program will be accepted only upon teacher or director recommendation, as well.

IN ORDER TO RECEIVE PRIORITY REGISTRATION STATUS, COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS AND THE \$100 REGISTRATION FEE, MADE PAYABLE TO CREATIVE PRESCHOOL MUST BE TO THE OFFICE NO LATER THAN 4 PM ON JANUARY 24! Confirmation of class placement will come home through your child's cubby the week of January 27. If you do not receive yours that week, please check with Mrs. DePaoli

Please be sure to check out our website for the latest news & calendar updates and "Like" us on Facebook.



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